

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SEPTEMBER, 1961

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POPULATION - CENSUS 30TH JUNE, 1961

Metropolitan: Persons - 419,755

Whole State: Not yet available.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	AUGUST				Eight Months ended AUGUST			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	363	5.79	388	6.33	3,415	6.98	3,484	7.25
Births	1,466	23.39	1,613	26.32	11,581	23.68	11,367	23.64
Deaths	576	9.19	620	10.12	3,841	7.85	3,863	8.03
Infant Mortality (b)	30	20.46	33	20.46	205	17.70	239	21.03

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Oversea	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	3,507	4,725	7,756	8,421	11,827	14,169	21,529	20,716
Interstate	9,002	8,082	15,817	15,466	2,997	2,282	5,500	3,938
Total:	12,509	12,807	23,573	23,887	14,824	16,451	27,029	24,654

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Land Conditionally Alienated Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued	acres 68,129 1,076,346	acres 50,415 1,204,421	acres 569,017 6,605,169	acres 503,112 5,318,243

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,815,259	4,998,723	17,329,684	14,252,857
Revenue per Head of Population	7.9	6.9	23.5	19.7
Expenditure	5,995,488	5,563,130	18,141,018	16,703,287
Expenditure per Head of Population	8.1	7.7	24.6	23.1

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of SEPTEMBER		
	1961	1960	1959
Total Balances	£.	£.	£.
Per Head of Population	84,672,680 114.4	80,998,762 111.6	74,549,002 104.3

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	April	May	June	July	August	September
1961	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
1960	23,532,488 19,363,355	23,981,079 22,265,619	21,645,396 21,702,176	23,080,067 21,655,541	21,592,512 21,671,109	23,229,542 22,713,665

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER		
	1961	1960	1961	1960	
Transfers	No. £.	1,620 3,081,064	2,890 3,490,821	5,067 9,351,621	7,201 11,275,710
Mortgages	No. £.	1,392 3,099,443	1,319 2,948,565	4,068 8,690,822	4,349 9,719,518
Discharges of Mortgages	No. £.	993	1,000	3,117	3,271

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
September, 1961	£.	£.	£.	£.
September, 1960	4,544,394	4,036,951	11,006,469	699,904
Three Months ended September, 1961	4,953,842	4,077,009	12,058,323	811,904
Three Months ended September, 1960	13,829,776	12,675,798	34,340,979	2,152,359
	14,441,506	11,842,926	36,267,457	2,354,231

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Local	No.	26	39	103
Nominal Capital	£.	938,000	1,771,000	5,447,000
Foreign	No.	16	15	44
				116 7,060,000 56

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	43	£. 69,821	£. 13,138	31	£. 84,275	£. 26,115
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	25	104,074	77,392	20	58,035	39,123

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for general
and passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings	£. 1,542,000	1,358,800	3,012,500	2,529,850
Operating Expenses	£. 1,429,111	1,364,996	2,746,781	2,665,337
Train Miles Run	No. 713,617	677,095	1,381,413	1,309,304
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. (a) 105,039	(b) 108,341	(c) 160,262	(d) 171,772
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	No. 923,375	1,080,744	1,944,836	2,145,302
Motor Bus	No. 23,543	24,898	42,649	45,759
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods		460,721	403,431	913,968
Livestock		11,130	13,188	20,266
Departmental (Free Freight)		54,658	49,369	97,291
	Total:	526,509	465,988	1,031,525
				877,962
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods		69,510,055	60,550,733	138,820,988
Livestock		1,491,347	2,074,992	3,019,781
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,980,703	5,682,665	10,908,030
	Total:	76,982,105	68,308,390	152,748,799
				130,304,632

(a) Four weeks ended 12th August.
(b) Four weeks ended 13th August.
(c) Period 1st July to 12th August.
(d) Period 1st July to 13th August.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
<u>1960 -</u>										
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104
September	873	128	236	-	79	1,375	210	526	4	112
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
<u>1961 -</u>										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960 -</u>								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
<u>1961 -</u>								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882
March	88,504	26,615	563	9,034	136,141	70,148	1,223	12,999
April	89,144	26,849	562	8,968	136,047	69,615	1,219	12,653
May	89,151	26,774	560	8,810	137,352	70,531	1,229	12,689
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
July	90,859	27,021	568	8,652	(b)137,554	(b)68,717	(b)1,232	(b)12,150
August	91,247	27,028	571	8,602	(b)138,940	(b)69,460	(b)1,233	(b)12,125

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.
 (b) Subject to revision.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961 -										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961 -										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz.	78,223	74,516	562,068
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,222,239	1,164,311	8,782,312
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	150,000	150,000	1,254,026
				1,098,894

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com-bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis-cella-nous	
Year ended June:						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960 (cont.):</u>			
September	140.8	47.3	188.1	September	143.1	50.2	193.3
October	141.2	47.7	188.9	October	143.2	50.4	193.6
November	141.3	48.1	189.4	November	143.7	50.6	194.3
December	141.1	48.2	189.3	December	143.5	51.1	194.6
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961:</u>			
January	141.1	47.4	188.5	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.6	48.5	190.1	February	143.2	50.4	193.6
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8
July	141.9	49.3	191.2	July	141.9	49.7	191.6
August	142.7	49.8	192.5	August	142.8	49.7	192.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	239
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	239
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	237
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	234
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	233
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	236
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State													
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female							
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.						
30/10/61	14.	18.	9	11.	4.	1	14.	17.	3	11.	2.	11	14.	11.	6	10.	18.	8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
August, 1961	23,609	1,467	110,500	98,987	19,529
August, 1960	22,648	1,702	128,513	81,585	15,719
2 Months ended August, 1961	46,529	2,825	222,097	158,740	41,550
2 Months ended August, 1960	47,201	3,457	253,793	134,560	30,803

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
August, 1961	5,135	62	2,156	1,391	1,040
August, 1960	4,961	73	2,450	1,090	872
2 Months ended August, 1961	10,275	119	4,345	2,216	2,231
2 Months ended August, 1960	10,479	147	4,824	1,819	1,722

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents(a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
8 Months ended August, 1960	4,688	6,205	1,769	2,462	6,457	8,667	59	128	2,195	3,187
8 Months ended August, 1961	2,777	4,023	1,587	2,314	4,364	6,337	52	109	2,025	3,090
<u>1961 -</u>										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
February	316	442	181	266	497	708	6	12	234	362
March	329	479	215	331	544	810	5	20	272	440
April	335	492	206	297	541	789	11	22	255	398
May	305	455	195	285	500	740	8	13	252	359
June	418	580	195	289	613	869	10	16	247	383
July	413	595	209	288	622	883	4	6	267	381
August	370	538	196	281	566	819	2	10	237	371

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960					1961							
		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.							
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	9. 5	11. 7	13. 1	16. 6	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6
Oranges - Navel	bush.	25. 6	27. 9	28. 8	-	-	-	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0
- Val.	bush.	21. 6	21. 1	20. 8	20. 1	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1	32. 0
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	33. 1	34. 4	36.10	25.11	-	-	14. 5	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4
- Other	bush.	52. 4	54. 8	49. 3	34. 1	19. 1	21. 1	18.10	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	16. 9	17. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	24. 9	22.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	17. 7	16. 2	12. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	20. 8	16. 4	22.10	14. 8	18. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	25. 9	28.11	23. 3	27.10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	5. 3	5.10	8. 3	5.11	6. 5	9.10	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0
Cauliflowers	dozen	19.11	13. 8	16. 9	15. 6	-	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5
Lettuce	crate	12. 3	8.11	14.10	10. 5	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8
Table Celery	doz. head	9. 2	10. 1	14. 1	11.10	9.11	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1
Beetroot	cwt.	81. 7	96. 2	61.10	65.11	74. 2	92. 8	50.10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8
Carrots	cwt.	19.10	26. 1	23. 3	19.11	21.10	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5
Parsnips	cwt.	51. 8	46. 9	48. 1	44. 2	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	5. 5	5. 3	5. 5	4. 8	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8
Swedes	cwt.	27. 0	35. 2	33. 3	22. 2	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 2	11	1. 2	6	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1	10
Peas	lb.	1. 2	7	1. 1	1. 0	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	7	6	6	11	7	5	5	3	5	5	5	6
Pumpkin	bag	39. 6	44. 5	80. 0	47. 6	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 3	47.10	40. 6	19. 7	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2
Onions (b)	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Potatoes (d)	ton	(c)	(c)	(c)	30. 0.0	35. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	50. 0.0(e)	55. 0.0(f)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(e) From 17th April to 15th May. (f) From 16th to 29th May.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1960				1961									
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	
SHEEP	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Suckers	3. 3. 11	3. 1. 4	2. 19. 0	3. 2. 8	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2. 13. 11	2. 8. 6	2. 10. 2	
Lambs														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 14. 3	3. 17. 2	3. 19. 9	3. 14. 2	3. 0. 11	3. 6. 8	-	
Shorn	-	2. 12. 1	2. 15. 9	2. 17. 5	3. 8. 6	3. 11. 0	-	3. 10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3. 11	2. 10. 3	2. 9. 4	2. 1. 11	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 4	-	3. 16. 9	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	-	-	-	2. 16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ewes														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 15. 9	2. 16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2	-	
Shorn	1. 15. 0	1. 15. 8	1. 18. 4	2. 3. 7	2. 10. 4	2. 10. 11	2. 2. 3	1. 18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2	1. 19. 2	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3. 18. 2	3. 16. 1	3. 14. 1	-	-	
Shorn	2. 4. 11	2. 6. 4	2. 6. 11	2. 11. 3	2. 19. 2	2. 19. 11	2. 9. 4	2. 6. 10	2. 11. 6	2. 12. 6	2. 12. 1	2. 7. 9	2. 10. 1	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	37. 18. 9	38. 2. 0	36. 15. 10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36. 19. 8	38. 16. 6	40. 9. 11	43. 19. 10	43. 5. 3	39. 7. 11	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	
Heifers	38. 2. 4	43. 10. 3	39. 13. 2	41. 0. 0	-	-	42. 7. 11	44. 16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-	-	
Cows	49. 2. 11	49. 10. 11	48. 12. 7	49. 14. 2	49. 10. 6	51. 16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53. 18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41. 13. 6	41. 7. 11	
Steers	51. 8. 1	52. 7. 10	52. 0. 5	51. 12. 3	51. 14. 8	53. 17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57. 13. 5	55. 7. 10	50. 3. 1	46. 16. 0	46. 3. 2	
Bullocks	60. 13. 11	62. 6. 1	60. 16. 7	66. 7. 6	-	-	-	-	62. 12. 8	59. 16. 4	50. 2. 7	-	-	
PIGS														
Slips	7. 6. 8	-	5. 9. 11	6. 6. 8	-	4. 16. 9	-	-	-	5. 6. 11	5. 13. 5	-	-	
Porkers	11. 9. 10	11. 17. 1	11. 3. 10	10. 19. 7	9. 17. 11	10. 3. 10	9. 11. 11	9. 17. 11	10. 0. 1	9. 13. 11	9. 7. 10	8. 16. 7	8. 11. 0	
Baconers	16. 18. 2	17. 7. 0	16. 10. 3	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2. 11	12. 11. 11	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1959 - August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July					Not yet available								(f) 26,782

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Grocer- ies	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware(b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	33.2	12.5	22.7	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.6	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.4	192.6	69.2
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.8	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	45.0	18.3
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.8	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	52.1	18.8
March Qr.														
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.5	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.5	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.2	3.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.5	47.7	15.9
June Qr.														
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.4	3.3	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.9	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.8	16.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1961(a)	1960(a)	1961(a)	1960(a)
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	625	533	1,056	1,345
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	9,513	10,070	17,420	18,585
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	123	143	243	287
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,353	1,837	4,210	5,005
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	33,985	34,121	59,947	60,561
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	316	305	623	638
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 sup. ft.	18,455	17,944	35,443	34,456
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	831	1,008	1,754	2,161
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	563	831	941	1,886
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	4,155	5,594	7,932	10,136
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	120	26	152	54
- 2 piece	"	1,320	1,680	2,956	3,463
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	8,771	6,980	15,812	12,843
- Work	"	12,342	12,873	27,311	31,196
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	60,494	52,214	111,793	99,136
Slippers	"	10,842	11,038	20,521	20,936
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	235	227	385	375
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	13,413	10,001	18,868	17,157
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	468	600	1,052	1,071
Butter	"	2,395	2,273	4,527	4,151
Cheese	"	359	312	702	589
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	39	42	58	61
Sulphuric	"	14,279	13,694	26,196	25,965
Coal	"	87,683	94,645	163,097	178,541
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	93,935	89,540	187,842	178,837
Gas Produced	million				
Mattresses - Soft Filled (d)	cub. ft.	138	141	279	283
Pig Iron	number	2,789	3,567	4,861	5,991
Superphosphate	ton	4,507	4,381	9,108	8,738
Wool - Scoured	"	41,998	39,272	72,570	72,317
	'000 lb.	2,121	1,692	4,173	3,710

(a) Preliminary figures; subject to revision.

(b) Standard size.

(c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(d) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner spring mattresses.

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